United States Karate Alliance Hall Of Fame Inductees

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Kristin Gilliland
Rodney McPherson
Reginald Venson

All Americans 2000

Mark Gorman
Chris Hawkes
Dominic Laureano
Don Lanier
Kristin Gilliland
Reginald Venson
Angelica Drexel
Jeff Crothers
John Hillman
Sarah Ebnitt
Donnie Michael
Juan Jose Camacho
Anna Chalamidas
Nate Maxwell

International

Walter Gomez-Argentina
Pablo Bermudez-Argentina
Tony Martin-Spain
Paula Izquierdo-Spain

Junior All Americans

Sandy Cheung
Chris Otwell
Christina VanGieson
Matt Stephan
Adam Cayce
Paul Finley
Michael Joyner
Will Henderson
Jon Lietz
Ashley Doner-Cotten
Paul Scott
A.J. Stookey
Josh Yingst
Megan Shelton

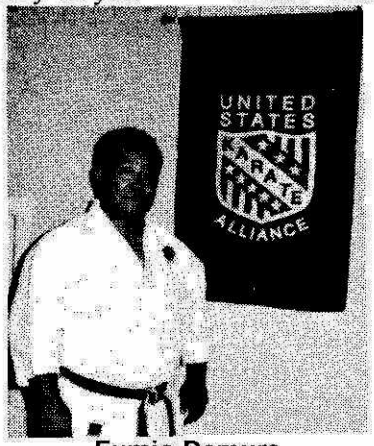
As mentioned earlier, this was a first for the selection of All Americans and this will continue. However, there was another first for this year and that was the induction of Reginald Venson into the United States Karate Alliance Hall Of Fame with his father. There has never been a father/son combination in the HOF even though The Trias International had a father/daughter combination in **Master Trias** and his daughter **Roberta**.

Congratulations to all of you and the world will be watching you because you are the future of this great martial art that we are charged with.

2000 UNITED STATES KARATE ALLIANCE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The new millennium was an event in itself, but this year's Hall of Fame inductees have made their own marks in history.

Our first inductee was **Fumio Demura**. Many of you are already familiar with Demura Sensei, as he conducts seminars at our Annual Seminars, and has done numerous demonstrations at many of our events. Demura Sensei was born in Yokohama, Japan where he has trained under many masters not only in Karate-Do, but also in Judo, Kendo, and Kobu-do, to name a few. He has been teaching in the United States for over 30 years. Demura Sensei has touched the lives of many people through his teaching, but has also touched people through his books, videos, appearances in films and on television, and his many seminars and demonstrations. Demura Sensei was quite active on the tournament circuit and was "All Japan" Champion in 1961.



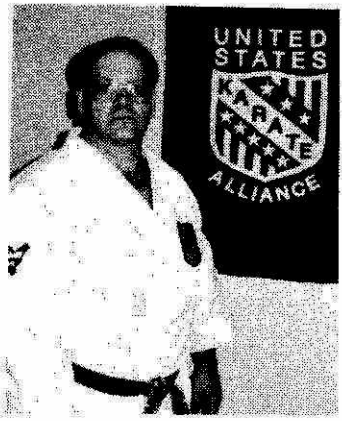
Fumio Demura

Kristin Gilliland, of Pineville, LA was inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. Ms. Gilliland is a U.S. Probation Officer in Alexandria, LA, has been a defensive tactics instructor for the Department of Corrections, and is an instructor at Rapides School of Keichu Ryu Karate. She has been quite a contender on the tournament circuit taking first in both Kata and Weapons at the 1999 World Championships. Ms. Gilliland was also National Point Champion

Kristin Gilliland

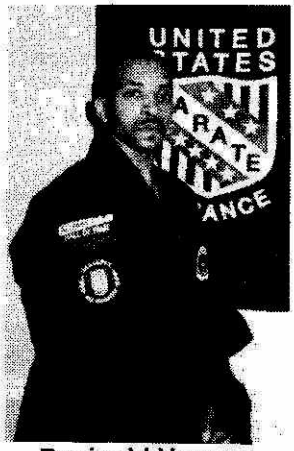
in Weapons and Kata in 2000 and also in Weapons in 1999.

Also inducted into the Hall of Fame, was **Rodney McPherson** of Farmerville, LA. Mr. McPherson is an instructor for the Louisiana Tech Karate Team, and has been busy in the ring as a competitor himself. He was National Point Champion in Weapons in 1991, 1992, 1995, and 2000. Mr. McPherson had quite a year this year at the 2000 World Championships taking first in both Weapons and Kata.



Rodney McPherson

Our fourth inductee into the Hall of Fame was **Reginald Venson** of Chicago, IL. Mr. Venson comes from a strong martial arts background; he is a third generation Black Belt, and his father, **John Venson**, is also a Hall of Fame member. He is an instructor at Just For Kicks Martial Arts and also for Dolton Park District Martial Arts Program. Mr. Venson is no stranger to the competition ring placing first in kata at the 1999 World Championships and competing regularly on the PKC circuit ranking him first in their point standings in 1999.



Reginald Venson

The Alliance Hall of Fame welcomes this year's inductees, and looks forward to their contributions to the martial arts world and the United States Karate Alliance.

SIX-YEAR-OLD PUT ON WARRIOR FACE

by Rick Nathanson, 7th Dan

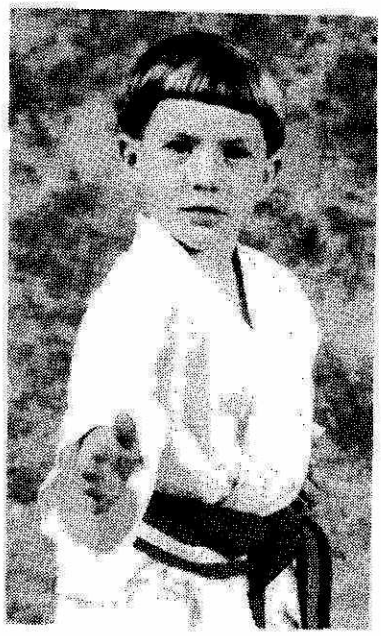
Chase Schotz puts on his "mad face." It's not that he's angry, it's just that by scrunching up his face and furrowing his brow, the perpetually smiling 6-year-old

blue belt gets himself in the warrior frame of mind.

It's a little mental exercise Chase began doing when he first started studying karate two years ago. In that short time, the first-grader from Phoenix, AZ, has become a regular on the tournament circuit, where his warrior "mad face" is only part of what he brings into the ring.

Chase also brings a maturity of understanding about the martial arts that is far beyond his age.

"I like tournaments, they're really fun," Chase said. "I like competing in everything. I don't get scared or nervous. I make a mad face so I don't smile. But it doesn't matter to me if I win because you learn stuff when you go to tournaments. Even when you lose, you learn stuff."



Chase Schotz

One of those lessons, Chase said, "is to stand in my stances better."

Nevertheless, Chase wins a whole lot more than he loses. Thus far in his karate career, Chase has participated in about 30 tournaments and has won or placed in nearly all of them, either in kata, kumite or both. According to his father, Jeff Schotz, Chase's trophies include some from State, Regional, and National tournaments, in addition to national point champion honors.

For Chase, his brother Bryce, and their father, karate is a family affair. The three of them study Ryu Kyu Kempo at **Mike Wall's** Paradise Valley School of Karate, where **Bryce** and **Jeff Schotz** are both brown belts. Like Chase, they, too, have been National, World and point champions.

"I nickname all my students who win championships," said Chase's primarily instructor, Sensei **George Holmes**. "Chase is 'The Bulldog,' because he has the tenacity of a bulldog. He's a very intelligent young man and he has a good understanding of the concepts of karate and kobudo and of